

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SERVANDO LOPEZ,

Defendant.

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ORDER

**RE: MATERIAL WITNESS
AMADOR FERNANDEZ-SANCHES**

This matter is before the court on the application of the United States for the arrest and detention of a material witness, Amador Fernandez-Sanches. The court having found the application set forth the materiality of the witness's testimony in the above-captioned matter and it may become impracticable to secure the presence of the witness by subpoena, an arrest warrant was issued for the arrest of witness Amador Fernandez-Sanches on May 11, 2007, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3144. Following the witness's arrest, the witness Amador Fernandez-Sanches was brought before the undersigned magistrate judge for a hearing.

Amador Fernandez-Sanches appeared with court-appointed counsel, John D. McDermott. Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas R. Semisch represented the United States. During the hearing, Victoria Funes, a certified interpreter in the Spanish language, was present by remote telephone hook-up.

The court took judicial notice of the application and affidavit, the Bureau of Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) detainer for the witness which was placed with the U.S. Marshal, and the Pretrial Services report. Amador Fernandez-Sanches presented no evidence on the government's request for detention and otherwise waived a hearing in this matter.

I find that the testimony of Amador Fernandez-Sanches would be material in this criminal proceeding against Servando Lopez. I further find it may become impracticable to secure the presence of the witness by subpoena if the witness absconds to Mexico if the witness were released from custody on conditions. Since ICE has placed a detainer with the U.S. Marshal for deportation proceedings regarding the witness and the witness has

no roots in this community or state, I find there is no condition or combination of conditions that would reasonably assure the presence of the witness for the upcoming criminal proceedings in this matter if he were released on conditions.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The witness, Amador Fernandez-Sanches, is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The witness shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with his counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the witness to the United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

2. Any motion or request for a deposition of the witness pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 15(a) and 18 U.S.C. § 1344 shall be served on all parties to this case.

DATED this 14th day of May, 2007.

BY THE COURT:

s/Thomas D. Thalken
United States Magistrate Judge